Rehabilitation of Scavengers

2996. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many scavengers have got loans, land and financial assistance for their rehabilitation as a part of the policy of Government to rehabilitate them State-wise; and

(b) whether the total budget allocated for the rehabilitation of scavengers could be utilised fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents (NSLRS), central assistance is released to State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations (SCDCs) and to State Governments where there is no SCDC for training and rehabilitation of scavengers in alternate occupation. Details of assistance released to the States under the Scheme during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are given in the Statement (*see* below).

The Ministry has been closely pursuing the SCDCs/State Governments for utilizing the sanctioned amount as per guide lines. In this regard, this Ministry has requested to organize the scavengers into groups and assist them for running viable activities under Sanitary Marts.

Statement

Details of assistance released to the States during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Name of the State/UT	1999-2000	2000-01
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10.41	Nil
2.	Assam	Nil	3.72
3.	Gujarat	11,61	Nil
4.	Madhya Pradesh	8.83	Nil
5.	Maharashtra	Nil	21.35
6.	Rajasthan	16.62	Nil
7.	Tamil Nadu	22.53	Nil
8.	Chhattisgarh		15.00
9.	Jharkhand		10.85
10.	Uttranchal		10.00
	TOTAL:	70.000	60.92